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## EXPANSION?



BY TERESA HAMILTON  
Staff Writer

**T**he State Department of Correction's decision to go ahead with expansions at the California Mens Colony without first consulting local officials or allowing community input has resulted in angry protests from San Luis Obispo citizens and officials.

According to Mark Bailey, Chamber of Commerce legislative action committee chairman, the corrections department had asked the chamber to postpone taking an official stand either for or against the expansion until further considerations were discussed. But during a recent tour of the CMC facilities, committee members discovered that the expansion work had already started.

"We had no idea that the expansion was already taking place," said Bailey. "We found that they (the department) really didn't give a damn about the community and its input. My main objection is that they did not contact local officials before deciding to go ahead with the expansion."

Chamber President Sally Punches expressed similar objections. "We are amazed that the same state government that is complaining about the federal government disregarding local opposition to offshore drilling is taking a 'local citizens be damned' approach to the CMC expansion."

Both Bailey and Punches said that local citizens have legitimate concerns over the prison expansion decision, including problems of water shortages and a lack of sufficient housing for additional personnel and inmate's families.

Bailey noted that some of the problems "could have been mitigated if community input had been allowed."

Following the recent corrections department decisions, approximately 3,000 San Luis Obispo citizens were prompted to send their signatures to Governor Jerry Brown and other state officials, supporting the city council's belief that expansion considerations should be studied and evaluated before any further decisions take place.

### Photography by Brian Travis

San Luis Obispo Mayor Melanie Billig shared in the feelings of discontent. "I am very concerned over the proposed expansion, basically because the state has not taken the time to consult with local agencies."

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## Fire Watt

Yes, in this special interest-dominated unfeeling bureaucratic world, there is still some democracy at work. This was demonstrated recently, to our great relief, in a committee action in our lobby-infested Congress.

An amendment to ban the oil and gas exploration leases off some of California's most beautiful coastline was passed by the House Appropriations Committee last Friday.

Interior Secretary James Watt has heard our voices and our anger. Thanks to the outpouring of protest post cards sent by Cal Poly students and untold thousands of other West Coast citizens, we will not have to see the ugly, polluting oil rigs off those four precious basins stretching from Big Sur to the Oregon border. We hope this ban will be extended to include the Santa Maria basin as well.

A recent *Los Angeles Times* report said the Reagan Administration has planned to delay any opening of the Northern basins to oil rigs "for an undetermined time," according to an unnamed White House source.

The biggest thing President Reagan has going against him is that he is playing an old and unhealthy political game. President Lincoln did it with Secretary of State Seward. Nixon used Agnew. And, of course, who can forget Carter and Ambassador Andrew Young.

Put a loose cannon in the Cabinet and sidetrack the opposition. One 88-MM Watt, coming up.

One Wyoming senator said James Watt heading the Department of Interior is "like having a wolf guarding the chicken house."

A frighteningly accurate remark on our nation's ecological health.

Interior Secretary Watt a few months ago publicly denounced the terrible deteriorated state of the National Parks Administration. So does Watt actually like our National Parks?

No, he follows through with the announcement that needed additional Park Administration funds will be diverted from purchases for federal park land.

The man wants to leave unexploited areas of our country open to rape by developers.

A current slogan now shared by some is "How much energy does it take to destroy the environment?—one Watt." Agreed.

The next step in the democratic exercise is to keep those "Impeach Watt" petitions flowing and send some cards and letters to Congress.

Watt is a disgrace. He's proved he belongs back in his old pro-industry law firm, not running the Interior Department.

Get rid of him, Mr. President.

## Don't suppress creativity

We are careful to teach children that freedom of the imagination allows people to hold diverse opinions and beliefs. Yet the recent banning of a so-called "witchcraft" game from a Sacramento suburb's summer recreation program is a direct affront to that teaching.

On June 17 the Rancho Cordova Park and Recreation District canceled scheduled classes on the popular fantasy game Dungeons and Dragons, in response to evangelical protesters who claimed the game is "straight out of hell." The protester followed the lead of John Torell, a Sacramento radio evangelist who calls such games demonic religions.

Dungeons and Dragons, which is popular nation-wide on high school and college campuses, involves role-playing with characters defined as chaotic or lawful good, chaotic or lawful evil, or neutral good or evil. The characters perform as fighters, clerics, magicians and thieves. They face an army of monsters and other beings set in their path by the player called the dungeon master.

The game consists of characters trying to win gold and glory in a journey through a dungeon where only the dungeon master knows what monster may lurk around the next bend. "It's sort of like playing with a soap opera," said Cude, adding "Sometimes it makes me use my mind...It takes a lot of detective-like stuff."

In a June 24 article, the *Los Angeles Times* stated evangelical publishing firms such as Southern California's Christian Research Institute have declared that role-playing games such

as Dungeons and Dragons should be banned from schools and public playgrounds.

The article also noted school officials in Heber City, Utah banned the game after it was included in a program for "gifted" students. An evangelist in Hutchinson, Ka., threatened to buy and burn the game if hobby shops and stores continued to stock it.

Audrey Ridenour, a member of the Rancho Cordova recreation board, voted to cancel the planned classes. "If a program is controversial, we shouldn't hold it in a public facility," she said. "This is not apple pie or John Wayne; the game has nothing to do with Americanism."

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On the contrary, the game involves a precious human right—the freedom to imagine. In censoring a game they believe is evil, the "concerned Christians" of Rancho Cordova have denied students the right to choose for themselves the material of their imaginations. They consider Dungeons and Dragons a disguised religion and call for the separation of church and state.

The game is a creative application of the imagination, though admittedly not in everyone's taste. It should be taught or avoided on its own merits, not repressed because it does not fit into a specific definition of morality.



## Letters

### Soft energy paths deceptive

It was refreshing to find opposing views on nuclear power appearing on the same page in the Summer Mustang of June 25. But I have to take issue with Mike Carroll's embrace of "soft" path.

"Soft" energy means that it is dilute. Proponents most often mean direct or indirect solar energy and include wind, ocean wave, biomass but usually oppose Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion, OTEC.

There is an important feature of solar energy that never changes: It is dilute. A square meter of unobstructed sunshine "sees" a power flow of one kilowatt. No amount of money, improvement in technology, genius will improve that figure; only nature itself with its cast resources of time, space and energy can do that job.

It is the sun that supplies the energy for the forests and plants and that energy, captured by chlorophyll, has taken millennia to produce the fossil fuels such as coal and oil.

The word "soft" is meant to convey the idea of a gentle process that has little effect on the environment while "hard" threatens the survival of man. But there are numerous competent and sober reports of environmental impact and health that condemn "soft": By American Medical Association (J. of the A.M.A., Vol.240, No. 20, pp 2193-2195, 10 Nov. 1978). Also: by the British Government (The Hazards of Conventional Sources of Energy, Health and Safety Commission Report, April, 1978). These are typical and there are

others.

Neither is "soft" benign in its environmental impact. The use of materials is 1,000 times greater in solar than in coal fired or nuclear for a given energy level. Again, several sources confirm this including: K. A. Lawrence, Solar Energy Research Institute, Golden, Colorado, 1978. Also: Transition, Report by the Office of Energy Research and Planning, Office of the governor of Oregon, Jan. 1975.

The Lovins' estimates of costs are in gross error too—by several trillion dollars. See: The Economics of Amory Lovins' Soft Path by I. A. Forbes, Energy Research Group, 1977; Soft vs Hard Energy Paths—10 Critical Essays on Amory Lovins' Energy Strategy (1977), C. Yulish Ass. 229—7th Ave., New York, NY 10011; and others.

It would seem that "soft" technology is neither sound nor economical. But if you have the patience to listen to Lovins and his colleagues you'll realize that they are not merely opponents of nuclear energy; not merely advocates of solar energy. Their arguments seem to be a cloak for some social engineering as revealed in: Soft Energy Paths, Ballinger, Cambridge, Mass. 1977; and especially so in a Lovins interview with Mother Earth, Nov.-Dec. 1977.

There are other arguments for rejecting Lovins' analysis. Perhaps the "soft" path doesn't make you uneasy but it should at least make you suspicious because of its deception.

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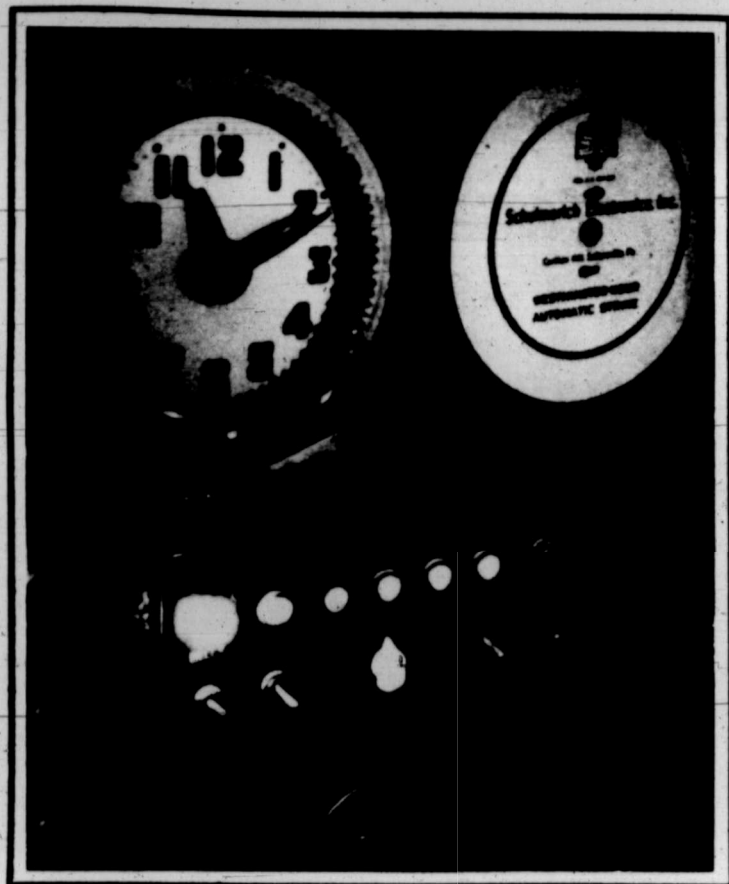
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# “I wonder if anybody really listens?”



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Michael Ainscow

The Bell tower has been part of the Poly campus for as long as most people can remember, but few seem to know what makes it tick.

The chime system is from Carillon bells and stands about 3 inches high. That's right, each chime has a miniature mechanism that broadcasts through a loudspeaking system. The chime system is controlled by a computer.

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# '81 graduation draws criticism from school deans

BY RUSS BUZZELLI

Staff Writer

School officials are now considering changes in Cal Poly's traditional commencement due to this year's overflow crowds and boisterous student behavior.

Bob Timone, head of the graduation committee, said, "The ceremony is as large as it can ever be. Mustang stadium and its facilities were taxed to their limits." He added that any future commencements would warrant alternate plans that may alter the traditional nature of the stadium ceremony.

Timone sent out memoranda to the school deans on campus to solicit reactions to the ceremony.

*"We have reached the point now where we are going beyond the festive to an environment that breeds harm"—graduation committee head Bob Timone.*

The head of the graduation committee felt this year's graduation accommodated students and their families adequately, but is concerned over the rowdiness of some students at the ceremony. He admits that in the past, graduation has been looked upon as a festive occasion.

"We have reached the point now where we are going beyond the festive to an environment that breeds harm," said Timone.

Dean Jon Ericson of the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities expressed the same feeling about the attitude that prevailed at this year's ceremony.

"It's both the fault of the faculty and the students that we have reached this level of unacceptable behavior," said Ericson.



Dean Ericson also commented that he and Timone are not alone in their views.

In a memorandum sent to Timone, Business Administration Department Head Walter Perlick commented that the behavior exhibited by students gets the audience excited and produces unruly audience behavior.

Dean Ericson suggests that faculty should have meetings with their respective schools and inform the potential graduates of what kind of behavior is expected.



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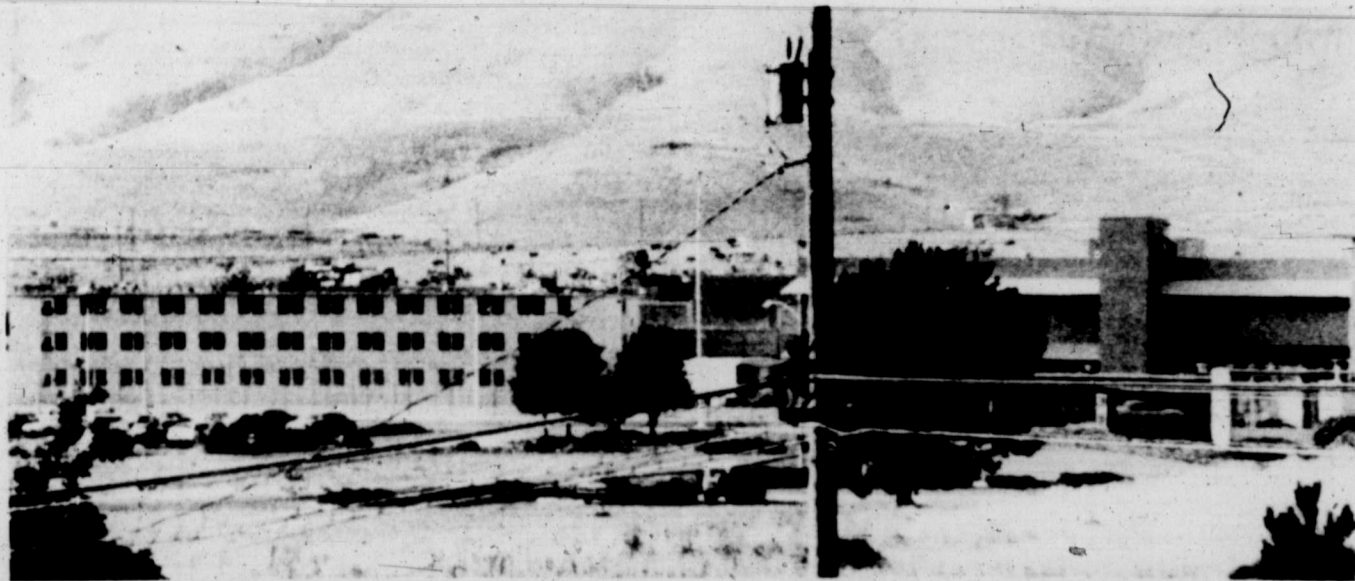
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## Men's Colony expansion controversy



From page one

Billig said that the department's decisions have disregarded problems which could result in the expansion of the Men's Colony.

"They want to talk to us about the jobs and the economic benefits to the community," said Billig. "Well, we aren't that foolish...in point of fact, it is a drain economically."

According to CMC parole representative Carl Weaver, expansion work has been under way for approximately one month, which consists of renovating the wooden barracks that were closed down in the early 1970's, due to California's then-declining prison population. But now, with an overpopulated state prison population, the CMC is attempting to revitalize the barracks to eventually house an additional 900 inmates.

"The buildings have been falling into a state of disrepair," said Weaver. "Some of the roofs and ceilings need to be replaced, and the walls need to be patched up."

"We're not building anything new," added Weaver. "We're just trying to reopen the temporary facilities."

But one of Chairman Bailey's major concerns is that the temporary buildings will soon be replaced with new, permanent buildings.

"It is only a matter of three to five years before the old buildings will literally collapse," said Bailey. "I don't want to see a permanent expansion take place and watch the temporary facilities turn into permanent facilities."

Although CMC Public Information Officer Ted Gutierrez concedes that while the Corrections Department should have waited to hear input from the community, California's swelling prison population put an extreme time demand on department officials.

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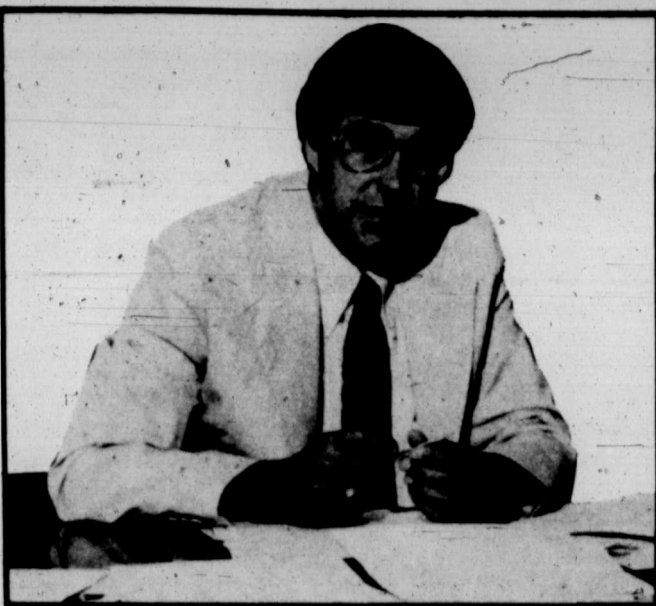
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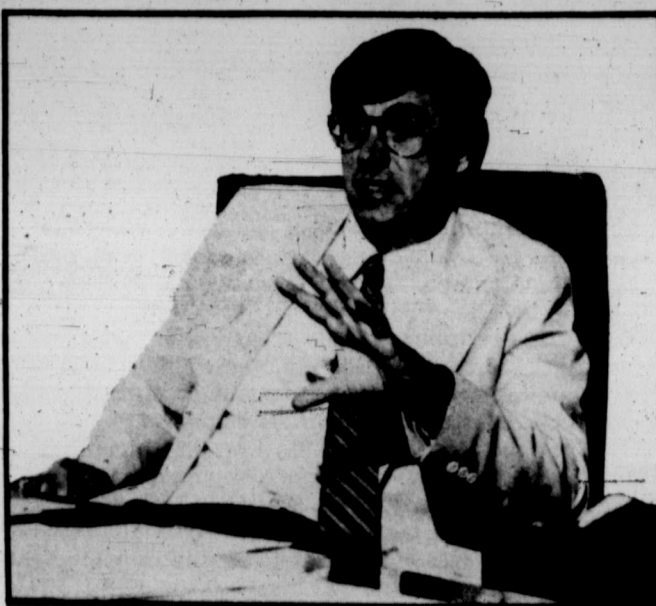
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After graduating from college, Baker went on to work for consulting firms as a geo-technical engineer. Later he ran his own consulting firm in Detroit, where he was frequently offered teaching positions.



According to Baker, all departments at Poly will benefit from the recently passed proposal. "The science-



He is happy with the life he leads as Cal Poly's president, for now. He and his family have managed to adapt to California lifestyle, something he views as "very different from the east."

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# Iran: is revolution turning repressive?

BY TOM KINSOLVING

Co-Editor

"The Revolutionary Guards," says the president of Cal Poly's Iranian Students Association, "have raped children in northeast Iran and have massacred the village of Gharna."

Ali, who refuses to disclose his full name fearing persecution by the Khomeini government, has posted flyers around campus bearing a picture of Iranian poet and playwright Salid Soltanpour.

"Salid Soltanpour, the progressive poet and playwright," reads the black and white flyer, "who was arrested under false charges more than a month ago, was executed two days ago by the brutal regime of Iran."

The flyer goes on to state: "Revolution in Iran is at a critical stage. We request your active support of the Iranian People's just struggle for Freedom, Democracy and Independence. We urge you to voice your condemnation of the repressive acts of the Islamic Republic government of Iran."

Ali is a supporter of the Marxist-oriented Fedai Guerillas and all other "progressive opposition forces" new fighting to wrench control from the ruling fundamentalist Moslem clergy in Iran.

The bomb that killed 69 leaders in Tehran's Islamic Republican Party headquarters Monday has been called the work of underground leftist groups by Pars, the Iranian news agency. The Persian Gulf nation now apparently edges closer to civil war.

Ali says the Ayatollah Khomeini is a fanatic and a repressive leader who, like the Shah, has tortured masses of Iranians.



Summer Mustang—Kim Baez

Moslem Student Association members Bita Tabatabai-Irani and Hamid Doostie. Members of the Iranian Students Association quoted in the article refused to be photographed.

Manocher, the ISA vice-president, told *Summer Mustang* that Iranian prisons are jam-packed, to the point that a soccer stadium has been used to accommodate surplus political prisoners.

"The government in Iran is killing our own people," Manocher said. "We demand freedom."

Ali said the 1979 Islamic Referendum that officially kept the Khomeini forces in power is a fraud.

"If 99 percent of the people voted for Khomeini's

government," he said, "then why does he demand that they all hand over their weapons?"

A vehement answer to Ali and Manocher's charges was given in an interview with two active members of the campus Moslem Students Association.

The only Iranian people who refused to hand in their weapons, hoping to take power, were the communist-inspired Fedaii and Mojahedin, according to MSA member Bita Tabatabai-Irani.

"The Fedaii is a group," said Bita, "that has murdered pregnant women in bathtubs. They are responsible for the fighting."

When asked why poet Soltanpour was executed by the Khomeini government, Bita replied, "Soltanpour was a communist."

Bita said the Fedaii and the Majahedin are the only ones responsible for the present crisis and that the majority of Iranians are happy with the present government.

"The majority of the people love Khomeini," she said. "He's like the Pope." She said only communists and pro-Shah supporters are rebelling, adding that the Iranian people "have the freedom to criticize the government," and, hence, are content.

Hamid Doostie, the other MSA member, said the Majahedin and Fedaii are taking advantage of Iran's stalemated war with neighboring Iraq and the nation's weakened post-revolution situation in order to grab power.

Hamid explained that the terrible Iranian unrest and subsequent mass executions are the consequences of all revolutions.

## Poly's new computer to operate by end of month

BY CREOLA MILLER  
Staff Writer

In three weeks, the new Control Data Corporation's Cyber 170-700 computer will be ready for use, said Dana Freiburger, assistant supervisor at the Computer Center.

The new Cyber system is part of the California State University and Colleges system-wide procurement, which includes 20 different computers being installed at each campus and one in the Chancellor's office, according to Computer Ad-

visory Committee head Jens Pohl.

Freiburger discussed the effects the Cyber system will have on Cal Poly and what will become of the IBM 360 computer it is replacing. The Computer Center is used by all majors—particularly technical students.

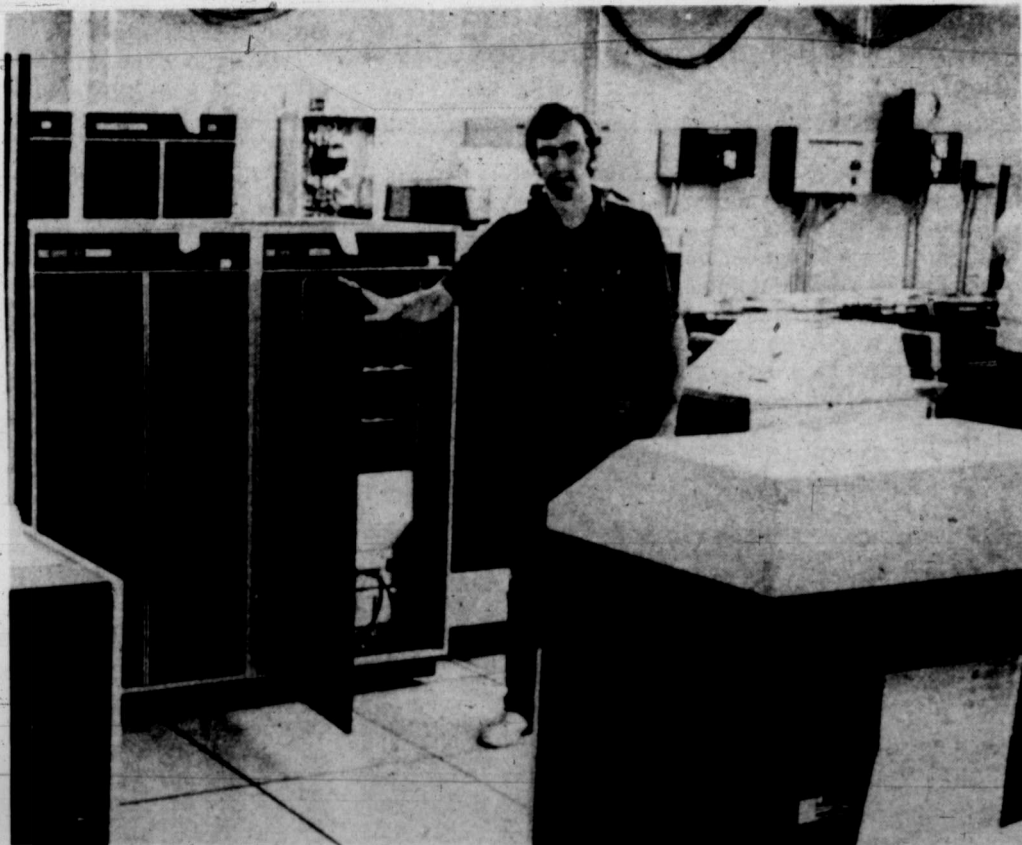
"The engineering majors will love it," said Freiburger. "The Cyber is a great machine for handling numerical work." Freiburger said that with the Cyber's simulation in

physics and math basics, "the engineering students will be our happiest users."

Although the Cyber will be available for some general and instructional use, it will generally handle most of the administrative services, such as C.A.R. registration, said Freiburger. All administrative information and data will be transferred to the Cyber, leaving the IBM with listings of computer science graduates' addresses for alumni newsletters. The IBM will also continue handling the University Master's List.

"The IBM 360 will still primarily service the instructional users," said Freiburger. "The computer science majors will be its heaviest users."

Since the Cyber was assigned by the Chancellor's office, the state will be responsible for all of its operational costs. The maintenance contract that includes parts and labor, which will charge a monthly fee of \$11,000, the state will also pay for the electrical power and air conditioning of the Cyber. The cost will be between \$5,000 and 10,000 monthly.



Summer Mustang—Sean Thompson

The Computer Center's Dana Freiburger unveils the new Cyber computer.

## Murray appointed journalism head

Appointment of Dr. Randall L. Murray as head of the journalism department has been announced by Cal Poly's President, Warren Baker.

A member of the Cal Poly faculty since 1977 and acting head of the journalism department since September 1979, Murray assumed the new title effective June 8.

Baker said Murray's appointment was recommended by Dr. Jon Ericson, dean of the university's School of Communicative Arts and Humanities; Dr. Hazel J. Jones, the university's vice president for academic affairs; and a faculty com-

mittee.

Murray, 40, holds degrees from Ohio University and University of Minnesota, where he completed study for his doctor's degree in 1973.

Before joining the Cal Poly faculty, he taught at Ohio University, University of Minnesota, and Morris Harvey College (Charleston, W.Va.) for a total of 11 years, and worked in public relations for the Bell Telephone System.

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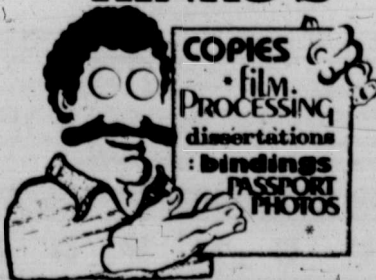
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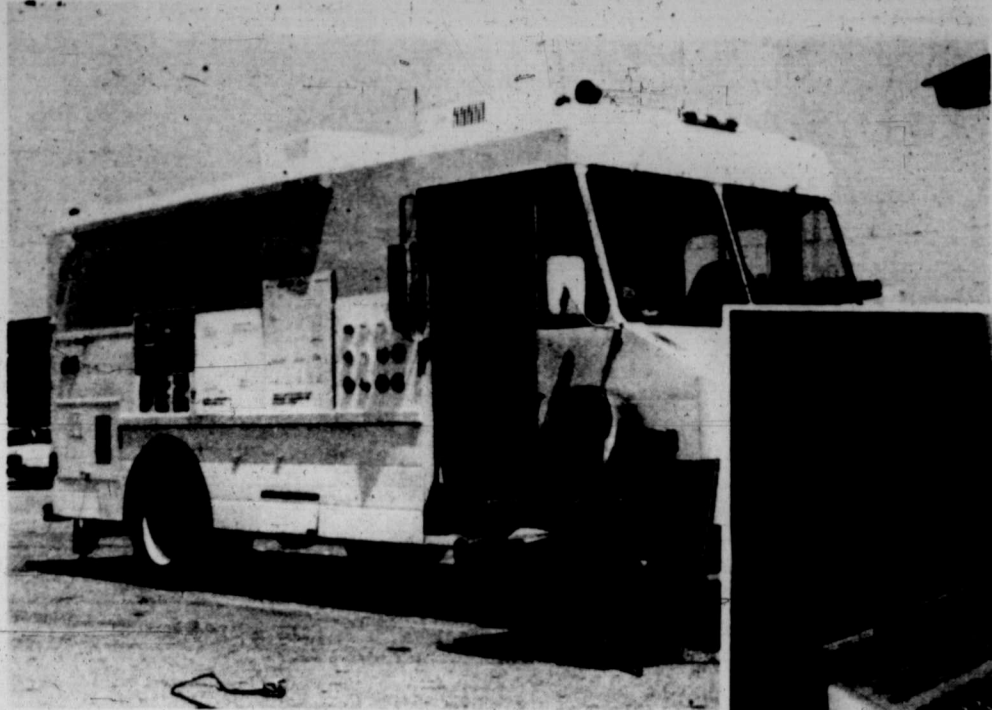
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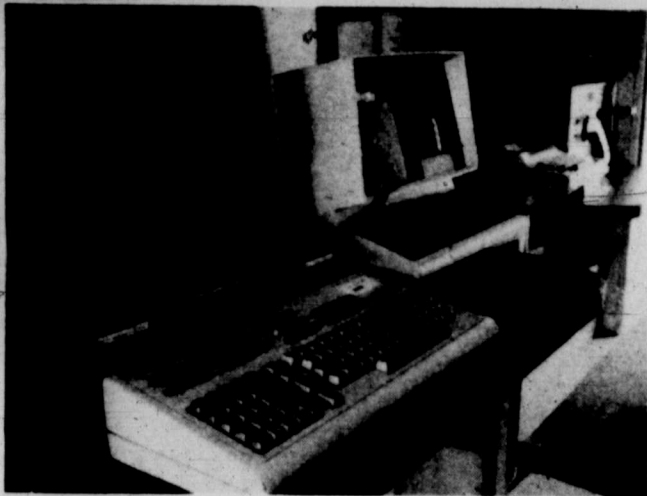
# PG&E begins studying SLO's radioactivity

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Michael Ainscow

BY LOIS RETHERFORD  
Staff Writer



PG&E van gears up for radiation monitoring.



Pacific Gas and Electric unveiled their new Mobile Environmental Monitoring Laboratory, a multipurpose lab to aid the company in collecting and analyzing information on radioactivity in the environment, at a press conference last Thursday.

"The van is designed to do routine and emergency environmental testing, mostly in the San Luis Obispo county area," said Joel White, a PG&E health physicist.

White explained that the plain white van is equipped with radios, a mobile telephone, computers to process data and transmit it to the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant, and seven types of radiation measuring equipment. It weighs eight tons and costs \$250,000.

PG&E in conjunction with the county, have been testing samples of the air, soil, water, milk and vegetation in the area around Diablo Canyon for the past 10 years to assist the natural rate of radiation in these elements.

"We can tell by comparing radiation levels in the elements now, with radiation levels from 10 years ago, whether or not radiation is increasing in the environment after the Diablo plant goes into operation," said White.

White explained that there are about 40 locations around the San Luis Obispo area in which PG&E has placed detectors that monitor the environment and the rate of radiation in the area. Information from these detectors is collected on a weekly, monthly or quarterly basis.

"This new van will really help to supplement our normal routine of testing the area," said White. "It's for use in day-to-day environmental studies or in an emergency."

In the event of a nuclear emergency, the van could be sent to a specific location to gather data on how much radiation is in the area. Information from these detectors is collected on a weekly, monthly or quarterly basis.

The van can be on an emergency site within an hour of notification, according to White. The lab, normally staffed with two PG&E employees, would also include a county representative when responding to an emergency.

PG&E expects the vehicle, which is still undergoing some testing, to be in use by the end of July.

## Poly rodeo team second in the nation

Cal Poly's men's rodeo team finished second in the nation at the College National Finals Rodeo at Montana State University on June 20.

Junior John Jones of Morro Bay won the final go-round of steer wrestling of the CNFR to tie for first place. He accumulated enough points to clinch the national Steer Wrestling title for the year.

Jones had a total of 15 seconds for the three wrestled steers in the finals rodeo.

Another team member, freshman Mike Fontes

from Los Alamos contributed to the team standings by winning the second go-round in steer wrestling with a time of 3.8 seconds. He finished third in the event for the rodeo.

Jones and Fontes added additional points to the team by winning the first round of team-roping with a 6.4 second clocking.

At the end of the rodeo both Jones and Fontes were within the all-around placings second and fourth respectively. Both will be returning to Cal Poly next year.

Dean Selvey, also a

freshman, from San Luis Obispo, scored points in the calf roping and team roping events by placing third in each in the first round.

Others representing Cal Poly on the six-man team were Greg Jones of Salinas and Joe Ferrero of Los Alamos.

The women's team, which had led the standings in the NIRA West Coast Region for the 1980-81 season, finished ninth in the nation.

Placing third in the second round of barrel racing was Tappy Carpenter, a

freshman from Redding and Liana Southard of Porterville, also a freshman. Carpenter and Southard placed fourth in the final go and captured a fourth place in the national standings for the year. Lily Varian of Parkfield also represented the women's team at the finals.

In conjunction with the rodeo, Leslie Ferreira of Greenfield competed in the Miss College Rodeo contest and brought back to Cal Poly a horsemanship award and first runner-up title for the week-long competition.

## Hospice program provides help to deal with death

BY DEBRA KAYE  
Staff Writer

If you have ever experienced the death of a relative or friend, you have known the accompanying anguish and possible guilt that lingers.

There is now a program, called Hospice, in San Luis Obispo, which tries to fill the needs of bereaved families and friends, as well as help the terminally ill patient who wants to

stay home.

Kay Van Acker, executive director of the Hospice, said the key to her program is its flexibility; whatever is the need of a patient or family, they try to fill it when professional agencies can't.

The three paid part-time staff and 70 volunteers include both skilled and lay persons who offer free services such as support groups for the patient and

family, specially trained nurses who monitor the patient's condition and train the family to care for the patient at home, and people who merely visit or do the shopping to give the family a rest.

The countywide program emphasizes the interdisciplinary team approach to caring for the patient, Van Acker said. The team—which includes doctors, pharmacists, psychologists, social workers, clergy and dieticians—meets twice a month to hear the nurses' and aides' update and suggestions on patient care.

An important part of the team's responsibility is pain and symptom control, because the pain and symptoms of an illness may rob the patient of the ability to appreciate his life's remaining months or weeks, she said.

In cases of severe pain,

for example, the team may recommend that the patient's doctor give straight morphine because the addictive risk is irrelevant to a terminal patient.

In offering these services, the program follows guidelines issued by the National Hospice Organization. Since the San Luis Obispo program is a private, non-profit organization dependent on private grants and donations, the \$500 membership fee prevents them from becoming a local chapter, she said.

Financial problems have plagued them from the start, and it was only last November that she and the other staff were hired and the volunteers gathered to get the at-home program started. Even now, they

are racing the calendar, she said, to raise as much money as possible by July 15, to qualify for a matching funds grant offered by a private foundation.

According to Van Acker, Hospice programs throughout the country are in a transition phase and she expects them to be quite different in a few years. When the studies of Hospices are completed, she thinks it is likely that Medicare will include Hospice benefits. (A few private insurance companies now include them).

San Luis Obispo's Hospice currently has 18 families as regular clients and phone counseling accounts for about one hundred additional families each month, she said.

Aside from the in-home services, she said the program also teaches classes on death and dying at Cuesta College and makes speakers available to any function involving that subject.

Volunteers in the hospice program attend the classes to gain an understanding of the situations they will enter, so they can help others and know what to expect of themselves.

When asked if she found her work depressing, Van Acker said, "No. I love it. It is great to have a program like this, that you can really help people. Death is a part of life and we can help them to see it as a rich experience, free of guilt; although, basically, they have to do it for themselves."

## Friday classes cancelled

Governor Brown issued a directive Wednesday giving state employees the day off this Friday. As a result, classes at all CSUC campuses have been cancelled for that day.

"Time off for state employees should be granted in a manner consistent with maintaining necessary services to the

public," the governor said in a memorandum from his office.

Cal Poly offices will be closed Friday with the exception of essential services, according to a memorandum from President Warren Baker. The governor's action allows state employees to have a three-day July 4 weekend.

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# Sorority house receives go-ahead for expansion

BY KIKI HERBST

Staff Writer

Remodeling and expansion of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority house began last week after a delay to confirm that the house was not a historical building.

Sorority members obtained a \$120,000 construction loan to pay for the house's enlargement from four bedrooms to eight. The loan will eventually be repaid by funds collected from future resident's rent.

Janet Shaner, local house corporation president, said the house, situated at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Ferrini Road, will be almost completely rebuilt. The only structures remaining untouched will be the bearing walls and the fireplace, Shaner said.

The 70 members of ZTA originally requested permission to allow 25 members to reside in the house. That request, however, was denied and the sorority set plans compatible with the city's limit of 16 residents per house.

Shaner said the remodeling, which began June 22, was initially necessary because the house was beginning to deteriorate. The addition to the house was undertaken at the same time to benefit the ZTA chapter.

Expansion of the sorority house from over 1,300 square feet to slightly over 1,900 square feet included a formal front room, a chapter family room, dining room, utility rooms and a kitchen. The final plan was approved by the San Luis Obispo Planning Commission in April.



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ZTA sorority house in the process of adding a new wing.

## Employees adjust to shorter summer work hours

BY KARIN RICH

Staff Writer

As part of Cal Poly's program to conserve energy, the university's working hours have been shortened this summer.

Using the power delegated to him by the

California State Universities and Colleges Board of Trustees, President Warren Baker approved the modified workday. All offices will open at 7:30 a.m. and close for business at 4 p.m. Employees will have the same schedule

with one-half hour off for lunch.

According to E. Douglas Gerard, executive dean at Cal Poly, an estimated \$15,000 a month will be saved in steam and electrical energy costs by shortening the workday by

one-half hour.

Gerard said this is the fourth year that Cal Poly has reduced the work hours during summer quarter. He said it is part of the university's program to reduce energy consumption 40 percent by 1983, as required for all CSUC schools.

"It's relatively a small factor I admit, but any factor is worthwhile," said Gerard.

According to him, this particular schedule was implemented in a "joint venture" between the university's need to conserve energy and the Personnel Office's attempt to free more evening time for the employees.

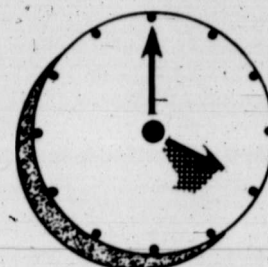
"The program has been quite successful," he said.

Gerard said the same work hours were in effect during the summer in 1979, and that schedule seemed to satisfy the majority of the employees. He noted that although some people have problems with car pools and bus schedules, in general, most are supportive of the plan.

"I like going home an hour early," said one information desk employee who requested anonymity. "I think most people are in favor of it."

Gerard said that reducing the workday does not pose any difficulties in the operation of the university due to the decreased student load during the summer.

The modified work hours will be in effect until Fri-



day, Sept. 11. At the beginning of fall quarter on Monday, Sept. 14, the university will return to the usual 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. workday.

## ERA support lax at Cal Poly

BY ELENA-MARIE

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The Equal Rights Amendment must pass within the next year or be a thing of the past. Last Monday was the first day of the final year of ERA's extended deadline, and was commemorated by feminist groups across the nation with rallies and demonstrations. Except at Cal Poly.

"Cal Poly is a little exasperating from a woman's standpoint," said Carol Smith, newly elected coordinator for the local chapter of the National Organization for Women.

At Cal Poly the final year for passage of ERA was met without any planned activity. The most recent

action involving feminists on campus was the closing of Cal Poly's Women's Center last quarter. Dean of Women Students Lorraine Howard cited budget cuts for the reason the center closed.

Carol Smith said one of her goals as coordinator of NOW is to reach out to the Cal Poly women. Plans are being made to stage an ERA rally on campus.

The Equal Rights Amendment will make discrimination by sex unlawful under the United States Constitution.

"If we don't get ERA passed, women in this country will backslide," Smith said. "We will lose legal rights, we will lose personal rights, we will lose ground on many rights

that we have fought hard to get. We need ERA."

While women's groups are fighting for ERA's passage, they are also working to defeat anti-abortion legislation.

Smith said it is a political power play to introduce anti-abortion legislation during the final push for ERA.

"Any time you have a strong force," Smith said, "the best way to defeat it is to divide it."

At a NOW chapter meeting tonight, Smith and local feminists will plan the year-long countdown of activities to the ERA passage deadline. The group meets at 7:30 at St. Stephens Episcopal church, 1344 Nipomo Street, San Luis Obispo.

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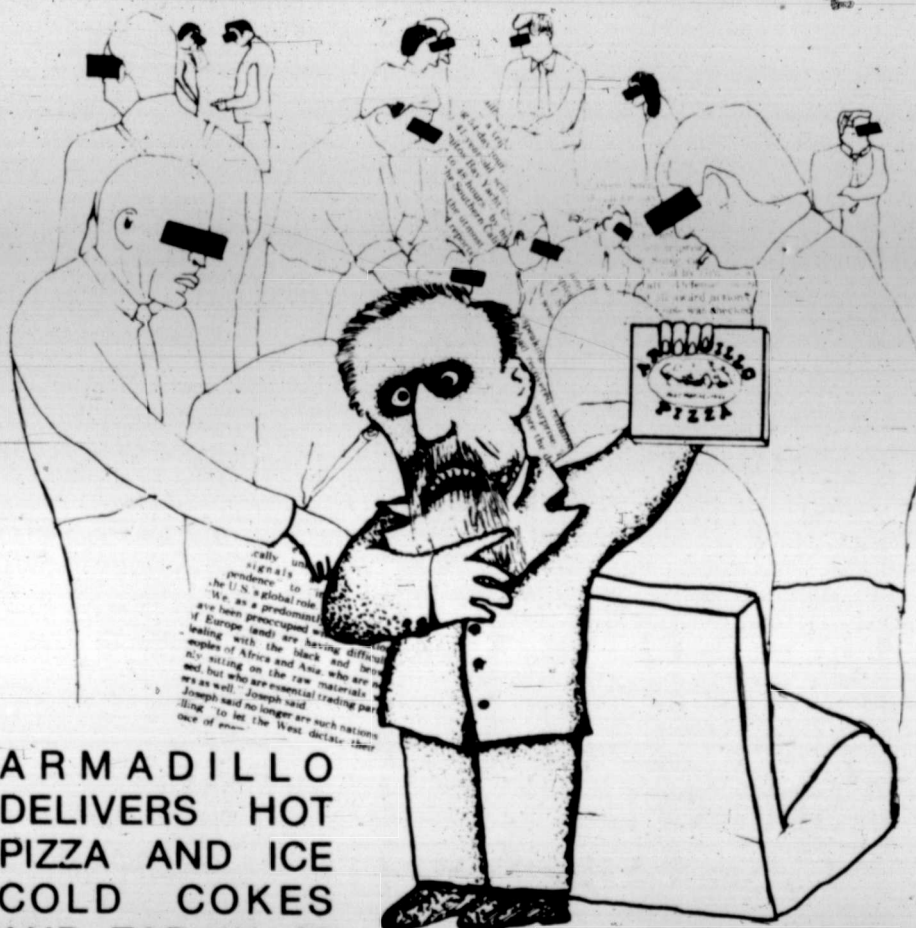
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